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Dear Cody

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 10 October 2023. You asked for information regarding speed limit signage within Christchurch.

My response to each part of your request can be found below.

- 1. Are Police aware that a number of streets in Christchurch RCA, until recently, had posted speed limit signage which was never formally ratified by Christchurch City Council so never had legal effect?*

Police is primarily responsible for enforcement and safety matters. Police becomes directly involved in speed related issues when disputes or specific incidents occur that require intervention. Road Controlling Authorities (RCA) are responsible for setting and maintaining speed limits on roadways. Police is not directly involved in this process and is reliant on Waka Kotahi to inform it of any changes to speed limits. Police is currently unaware of changes within Christchurch.

Under Section 12 of the Land Transport (Register of Land Transport Records—Speed Limits) Regulations 2022, the Registrar (Waka Kotahi) must notify the Commissioner of Police when a land transport record is created – this includes the setting of speed limits.

Without further information, such as the names of the streets and the dates for when they might not have been compliant, I am unable to answer this part of your request. As the request is not made with due particularity, it does not meet the requirements of section 12(2) of the OIA and, therefore, cannot be answered as an OIA request.

- 2. What is Police's strategy for refunding infringements issued in error on these streets (if any)?*

Police is not able to answer this part of the request as we do not have sufficient evidence to establish whether any streets were not compliant and what further steps would be required to remedy any such situation. Police and other relevant agencies would need to undertake a process to establish whether such a situation exists and what further steps would be required. It is also worth noting that providing a refund is only one of the options open to Police, should it be conclusively established that such a situation as you describe exists.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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